



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

## 2021 State Legislative Priorities

### **Preserve Local Decision-making**

Support legislation that preserves or enhances the City's ability to govern locally and oppose legislation that reduces or restricts the City's local authority.

### **State Shared Revenues**

Support legislation that will protect (and recover) state shared revenues to municipalities and oppose new legislation seeking to divert shared revenues away from municipalities.

### **Short-Term Rentals**

Work with stakeholders supporting legislation to allow for local regulations over investor-owned residential properties used as short-term rentals and ensure equity in the hotel industry.

### **Forest Health**

Advocate for investments in forest health on state-owned land in northern Arizona, augmenting municipal efforts to protect our region.

### **Transportation**

Advocate for additional funding to the Arizona Department of Transportation to plan, build and maintain projects that affect northern Arizona and our tribal partners.

### **Social Service Providers**

Advocate for 100% funding from the state legislature to fully fund and reimburse all social service providers.

### **Rural Broadband**

Support state efforts to increase rural broadband access and capacity to encourage and develop economic activity, including allowing for remote education, business attraction, revenue creation, and the attraction of remote workers.

### **Criminal Justice Reform & Diversion Programs**

Support legislation that creates and strengthens alternative diversion programs, rehabilitative programming, mental health services and other approaches to reduce reliance on prisons and create more equity in the criminal justice system.

### **Gun Safety**

Oppose legislation that limits local decision-making in regulating weapons in publicly accessible buildings and support legislation that ensures the protection of all people from gun violence, furthers gun reform laws, and ensures background check loopholes are closed.

### **Arizona Corporation Commission**

Urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to adopt an aggressive statewide clean energy standard that achieves 100% carbon-free clean energy in our state.

### **Aquifer Protection Permits**

Urge the Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality to require mine-specific aquifer protection permits and protect local water sources from mining activities that put future water rights at risk.

### **Emergency Response**

Support legislation preserving and enhancing the ability of the City to strategically plan for and respond to emergencies while protecting citizens, visitors, assets and natural resources.

### **COVID-19 Relief**

Advocate for timely and equitable funding for political subdivisions to address pandemic relief, including declining revenues.

### **Environmental Funding and Partnership**

Support state funding and partnership opportunities to expand open space, parks, natural areas, trails and "dark skies" initiatives across northern Arizona.

### **Elections**

Support efforts to protect voter rights and access, and secure the integrity of the election process.

### **Tourism**

Urge the State to continue to fund tourism and the Arizona Office of Tourism to support northern Arizona as a four-season destination.

### **Affordable Housing**

Support legislation and seek funding in support of affordable housing.